



San Fillippo receives SAR's certification

What do you do with a non-aggressive, fun-loving, problem-solving two-year-old? If you are discussing a sixty-five pound golden retriever you have an animal perfect for search and rescue.

Deputy Fire Chief Pam San Fillippo and her best friend, Allie, dedicate eight hours every Saturday, and have been for the last year, to becoming certified for human remains detection. While studies are on going, those who train and work with these animals daily believe that most if not all, can detect human scent at the DNA level. Larger dogs, such as Labs, Shepherds, Dobermans and Rotweillers are the dogs of choice for training.

Allie and her handler began training with Louisiana Search and Rescue in February 2003. They have been in and out of buildings, wooded areas, swamps, marsh and waterways seeking their target.

"Allie was easy to train, but its been a bit harder for me. I have to give the right commands, recognize her

signals and respond accordingly, and I can't wear out," said San Fillippo. "I recently received my National Association for Search and Rescue certification. I am now a Search and Rescue Technician, second level. Allie will be testing for her Canine Search and Rescue Technician, third level, in human remains detection over the next several weeks."

Search and rescue dogs are more frequently seen working during high profile investigations such as following the Oklahoma City Federal Building bombing, the World Trade Center collapse and more recently the Challenger explosion. The dogs could cover hundreds of miles a day if their handlers could.

Being a veteran firefighter and a nurse gives San Fillippo an excellent professional rescue background. Her organizational and teamwork skills are essential to success during a human remains rescue.

Search and rescue appeals to her nature. She loves the outdoors, along with camping and rap-



Bay Saint Louis Deputy Fire Chief Pam San Fillippo oversees her dog, Allie, during recent water training for human remain detection.

elling. With this outdoor background Pam and Allie became acclimated to the outdoor training conditions quickly.

San Fillippo said, "Our training has been supported

by Mayor Favre and Chief Gavagnie. Bay St. Louis now has access to immediate on-site assistance and easy access to a team of search and rescue professionals as they may be

needed to help our community. While this has been a challenge the rewards have been great. Allie and I are gratified by the support we've received, but hope our services are never needed."



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This art series features one piece of work by a local artist and reveals the creative process behind that work. This week, abstract artist Joan Howard discusses the inspiration behind her painting "Migration of Butterflies." This series runs every other Thursday. Artists interested in having one of their works featured should contact Shannon Jenkins at 228-467-5474 or rsjecho@yahoo.com.



JOAN P. HOWARD

- Abstract artist
- Resident of Kiln
- Artist for 64 years
- Work found at Behold Gallery and Frame Shop in Bay St. Louis

Echo: Where did the inspiration for this work come from?

Howard: (I was inspired by) a migration of butterflies over the skies of Mexico.

Echo: What do you like most about this work and why?

Howard: It captures the imagination.

Echo: What does this piece mean to you?

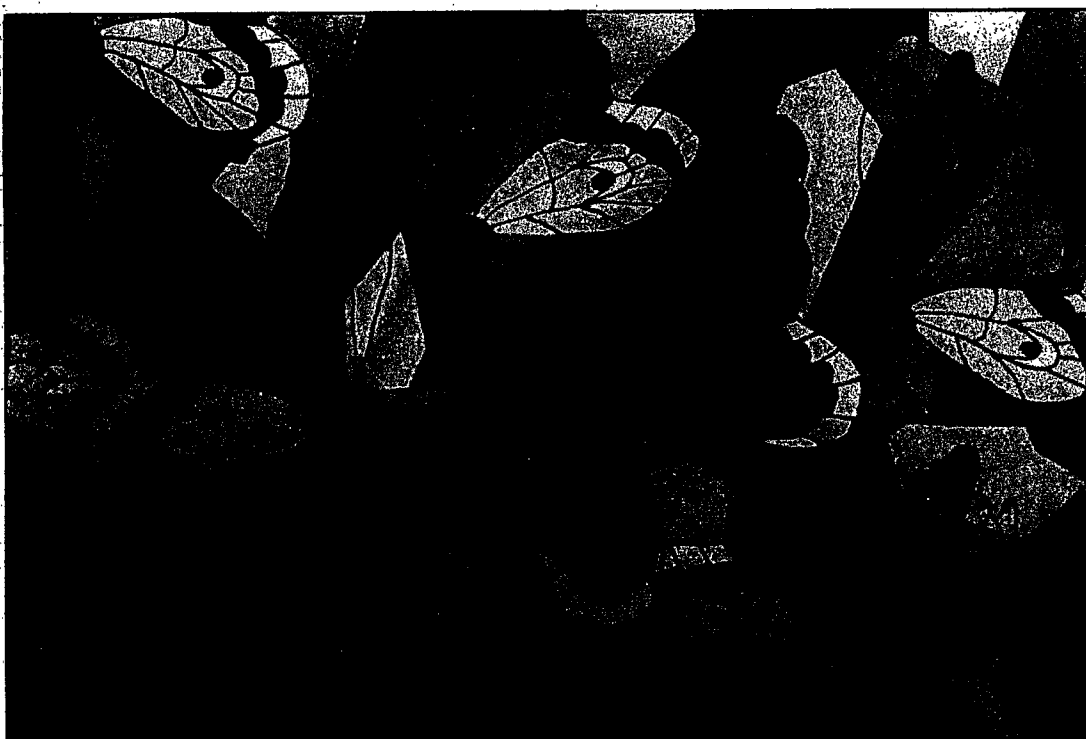
Howard: Imagination is a tool that expands, and I use it in all my work. It's carefree like butterflies.

Echo: What is unique about this artwork?

Howard: It uses both acrylic and water color paints. It captures a variety of color, separating each with a line. This configuration of parallelograms gives way to a mosaic of migrating butterflies, which together, resembles stained glass.

Echo: Why did you create this piece?

Howard: (I painted this) to test my skills with an abstract piece. I did this to help others to realize art can take any form.



"Migration of Butterflies" by Kiln artist Joan Howard

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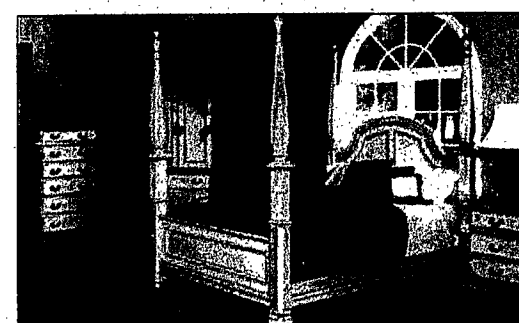
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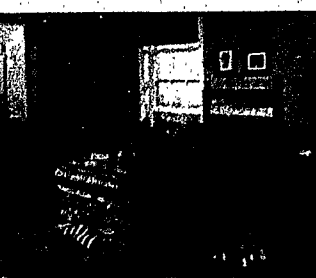
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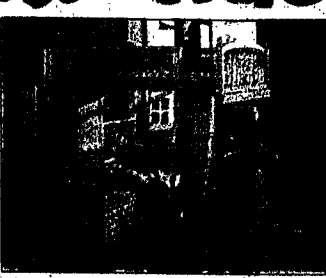
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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock county Justice Facility from Dec. 28 to Jan. 9. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF REPORT

- George Young III, 23, simple assault (domestic)
- Wanda M. White, 55, hold for Picayune
- Troy Thigpen, 23, simple assault by threat
- Kelly James Atwood, 40, DUI, assault on police officer, no insurance, suspended driver's license, failure to signal, disorderly conduct
- Anthony Giavotella, 31, parole violation
- Michael Jamie Ladner, 49, sexual battery
- Yancy Blackburn, 23, suspended driver's license, no insurance
- Charles K. Mueller Jr., 18, simple assault (domestic)
- Gwendolyn C. Bridges, 22, simple assault (domestic)
- Celenea June Malley, 26, shoplifting
- Michael Stoufflet, 35, possession of stolen property
- Donald F. Copping Jr., 47, kidnapping
- David B. McGill Jr., 24, contempt of court
- Daniel Collins, 47, disorderly conduct, public drunk
- John B. Cox, 58, contempt of court (failure to appear), sale of beer without permit
- William Bilbo, 41, telephone harassment
- Cynthia B. Lee, 49, shoplifting
- Christopher A. Weidert, 20, possession of controlled substance, armed robbery, simple possession of marijuana
- David Bourgeois, 48, driving on suspended driver's license, DUI (2nd), no proof of insurance
- Sidney L. Saucier, 23, driving on suspended driver's license, no proof of liability insurance, seat belt violation
- Stephen Cameron, 42, DUI (1st), failure to yield right-of-way
- Damon Foy, 32, disturbance of peace (domestic), disorderly conduct, resisting arrest
- Brittany Lee, 18, disorderly conduct
- William Wiley, 20, disorderly conduct
- Joshual Ellis, 23, disorderly conduct
- Billy Max Saunders III, 32, DUI (1st), disregard for traffic device
- Thomas A. Smith, 28, DUI, improper equipment
- William Logan, 31, driving while driver's license suspended, obstruction of traffic, DUI (2nd)
- Michael A. Perkins, 36, malicious mischief
- Sandra K. Shirley, 47, public drunk
- Darrell Peterson, 40, simple assault (domestic), disturbance of peace
- James W. Ward, 36, disturbance of peace
- Michael J. Alford, 42, contempt of court (failure to appear), public drunk
- Lawrence J. Peterson III, 20, suspended driver's license, speeding, no seat belt, no insurance
- Warren Eisworth, 50, possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding, no proof of insurance, driving while driver's suspended, no seat belt
- Susan M. O'Donnell, 55, DUI (1st), refused test, speeding, no seat belt
- Aaron A. Parks, 25, contempt of court (failure to appear)
- Donna Lynn Eisworth, 44, possession of paraphernalia, false identifying information
- Monty Kris Heidemeyer, 49, hold for Texas
- Gordon Downer, 43, suspended driver's license
- Gerald Powell, 38, disorderly conduct, public drunk
- Henry R. Bridges Jr., 24, possession of controlled substance (marijuana)
- Alvin Washington, 34, speeding, suspended driver's license, possession of paraphernalia
- Larry E. Smith Jr., 33, domestic violence
- Kenneth L. Bradford, 46, parole violation, possession with intent
- Anthony James, 18, possession with intent
- Willie Blackmon, 24, sale of controlled substance
- Theresa LaDonna Burge, 31, disturbance of family (domestic)
- Jack C. Harris II, 35, statutory rape, sexual battery
- Denzel Collins, 19, false reporting of a crime
- Jay Ruppert, 40, switched tag, expired tag, improper display of tag, suspended driver's license
- Christopher Bernard, 24, petit larceny
- Pearlle Lassabe, 37, contempt of court
- Stephanie E. Walters, 23, sale of controlled substance, possession of controlled substance with intent
- Michelle Brown, 43, contempt of court
- Nikki Galarza, 32, disorderly conduct, refused to obey lawful order, domestic violence
- Kenneth Stalter, 20, disorderly conduct
- Oscar M. McCall, 26, simple assault, receiving stolen property
- Janet E. Sheely, 58, DUI (1st), driving on wrong side of road
- Brandy Rowell, 20, simple assault, simple assault by threat
- Theresia Marie Walley, 19, petit larceny
- Tony Booth, 24, parole violation
- Lewis R. Cuevas, 28, simple assault (domestic)
- Alejandro M. Buford, 27, parole violation
- Natalie Miller, 21, possession of stolen property, possession of stolen firearms, petit larceny
- Steven Wade Penton, 24, parole violation
- Robert Mather Jr., 37, shoplifting
- Leo Hawkins Sr., 45, trespassing
- Branna Barnes, 33, parole violation
- Vestil Poyadou, 48, parole violation
- Earlene Davis, 49, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct
- Roger Friend, 49, improper equipment, suspended driver's license
- Kelly Jenkins, 39, providing false information
- Emanuel Maurice Lee, 20, sale of controlled substance, possession of controlled substance
- Keith Lamont Lee, 22, sale of controlled substance, possession of firearm
- Jason Rieben, 22, speeding, driving while driver's license suspended
- Heidi L. Poyadou, 27, burglary

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Bay Council seeks legal help on drainage problem

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

Bay St. Louis officials have agreed to seek advice from a Jackson law firm on the warranties covering a huge drainage construction project that's developed some problems.

Members of City Council went into executive session Monday night in a special "workshop" meeting with their attorney, John Scafide, and the engineer on the project at issue, James J. Chiniche.

Scafide asked for the closed door meeting, saying the discussion "definitely involves potential litigation" in connection with warranties on the project.

Tuesday, council president Bill Taylor said the only action taken in the meeting was authorizing Scafide to engage the Mockbee law firm which specializes in construction issues. Council members are concerned over several sinkholes that have appeared in segments of a \$3.2 million drainage improvement program known as "Project C."

The major concern is the potential for dozens, or hundreds, of similar sinkholes appearing after warranties on the project expire this June, officials say.

Colom Construction Co. installed new drainage pipelines under contract with the city, but an inspection of the work later found that over half the major culverts weren't properly joined together, according to

correspondence from Chiniche to Colom.

Colom president Rod Colom responded that the pipe manufacturer determined there were "minimal problems" with the concrete pipe which was installed, including "some cracked or broken bells," the flared ends.

He said he used a special epoxy grout to firmly seal those and other troubled connections.

But Chiniche apparently wasn't happy with that solution. "While an occasional grouting of pipe joints is an acceptable industry standard, grouting of over 70 percent of the joints on this project is an excessive amount and not an acceptable industry standard," he told Colom at the time.

Chiniche also said the grout method that Colom used was "unacceptable."

Ultimately, the city accepted Colom's work, but only after the construction company offered an additional three-year warranty on his work. "If any settlement or leaks occur, we will make necessary repair using approved methods recommended by the engineer at no cost to the city of Bay St. Louis or the engineer," Colom said in an August 2000 letter.

Officials said that extra warranty expires this June. Meanwhile, city officials say they are concerned that an extensive a problem is developing underground

with the culvert connections.



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Bay High Booster Club hosts spaghetti dinner

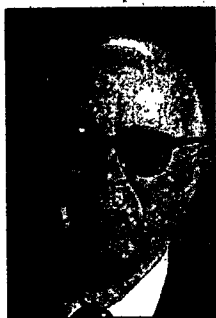
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The Bay High Tiger Pride Band Booster Club will be sponsoring a Spaghetti dinner on Saturday, January 24 from 5-7 p.m. at the Bay High School cafeteria.

The meal, which includes spaghetti, coleslaw and gar-

lic bread, will be sold for \$5.00 per plate. Desserts will be available at minimum cost.

Funds raised will support the Band's upcoming trip to Disney World where they will perform in the Epcot Center Evening Parade.



Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Hancock County prepares for annual ACS's Relay for Life

Waveland's Peterman a first round selection for NFL teams

I know it may be early for some folks to start thinking about the Annual Relay for Life Cancer Society's fight against cancer fund-raiser, but on the other hand a lot of preparations have to take place, and I am sure many more volunteers are needed.

The event will be held in Hancock County on May 22 and once again, Dave Mayloy has stepped up to the plate to chair the event.

As a matter of fact, last night there was a kickoff meeting was for the event.

But, there will be several more before May 22 arrives and more volunteers are needed.

If you are interested in possibly helping, on the Relay for Life, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

I know that everyone who participated in Hancock's Relay for Life in 2003 and in prior years had a great time.

You may be surprised by the number of Hancock County residents who cancer survivors.

It is only through research funded through such events as the Relay for

Life that more and more lives can be saved.

Even if you do not want to participate yourself, there will be many folks around taking pledges for Relay for Life in the months ahead.

It will be interesting as to what National Football League team will land Waveland's Stephen

Peterman, a stellar line-man for the 2004 Sugar Bowl champs, the Louisiana State University's Tigers.

It has been a very long time since LSU captured a national title, since it was 1958.

Peterman, a product of St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis, should be a first round selection.

I have been reading and hearing about so many National League quarterbacks from within a 100 mile or so radius in the South.

Just think, when Peterman signs a professional football contract, there will be three Hancock County footballers in the NFL and one in the Canadian League.

For a small county in Mississippi, that is sure a very good representation.

Gov. Barbour's appointees do not reflect 'new' Mississippi

Looking at the lineup of four white, male, mostly 60-something Barbour Administration appointees named last Friday, several to head socially-sensitive state agencies, two thoughts immediately came to mind:

- So much for racial and sexual inclusiveness, so glibly promised by Haley Barbour in the recent gubernatorial campaign.
- If this is "compassionate conservatism" handed



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

Does last week's batch of mostly older, white men for several key administrative jobs reflect Haley Barbour's view of leadership for a "new" Mississippi? Hopefully, it does not. The people are taking Barbour at his word that "we can do better," and don't expect to go back to an "old Mississippi."

back by the high totems of Republicanism to their man in Mississippi, then there are tough times ahead for the many thousands of poor and disadvantaged who populate this state.

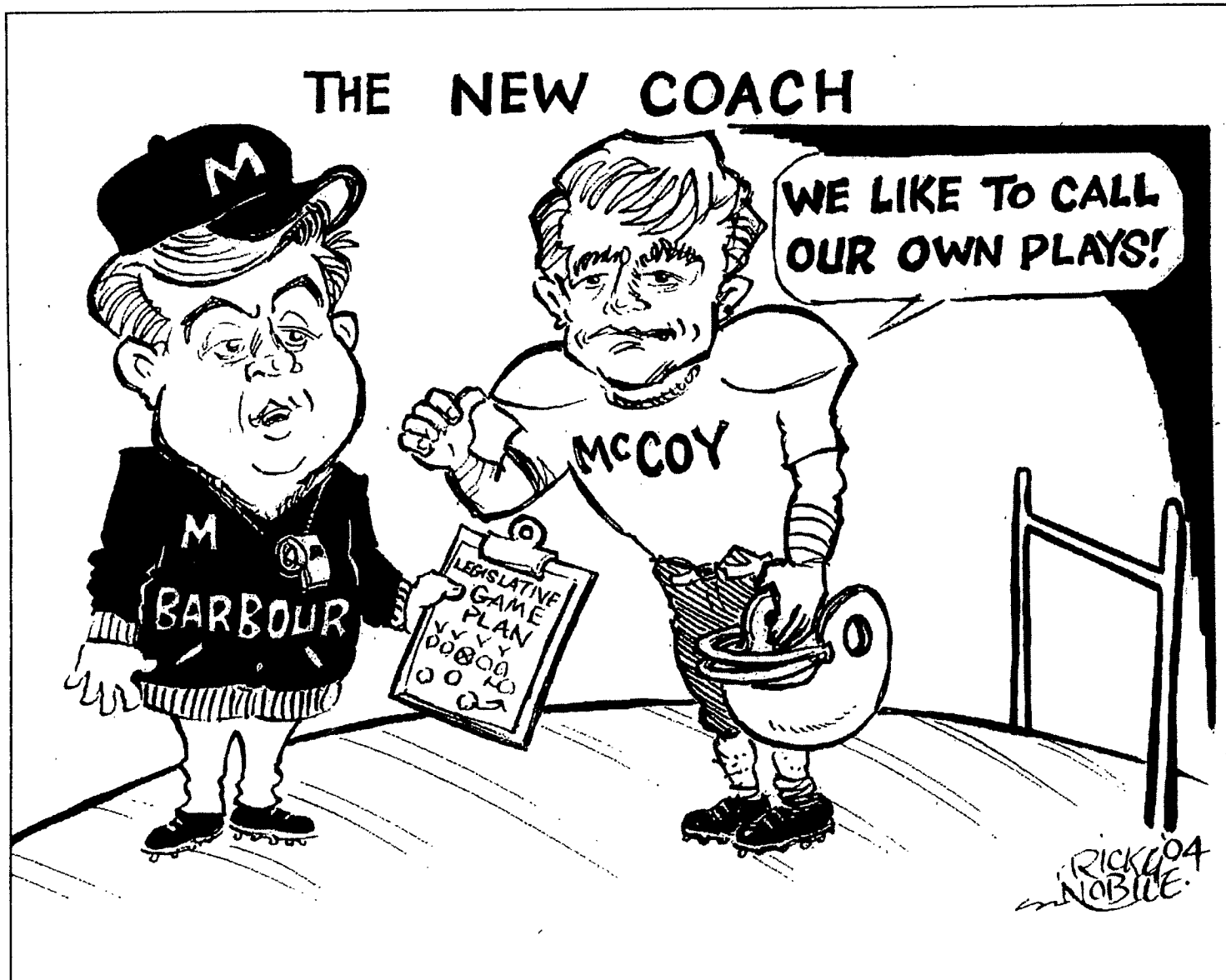
Two of the four white men named on Friday will take the places of blacks who headed the same agencies in the outgoing Musgrove Administration. For Barbour to bring

back Lt. Col. Don Taylor, the heel-clicking, spit-and-polish ex-military guy to run Human Services, the state's welfare agency, is the crowning insult to Mississippi's masses of have-nots.

Taylor is remembered as having played Grinch when he presided over the same agency back in the Kirk Fordice Administration, turning down thousands of federal dollars that could have benefited Mississippi's poor.

The 66-year-old Taylor had once remarked that his job "will be complete when people are robbing bread

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Reject DuPont waste disposal plan

To whom it may concern at the US Army Corps of Engineers,

In regard to the application made by the Dupont DeLisle plant to fill 24 acres of wetlands for the construction of a 32 acre waste disposal land-fill.

It is my desire that you reject this application. I speak for a vast majority of citizens who do not want that facility to inject, dump, or emit any more hazardous, toxic wastes into our beautiful Gulf Coast environment.

The damages caused by decades of bilious "deep well injection" are as yet still not fully ascertained, but demonstrate signifi-

cant cause for concern.

It is my understanding that, by law, if there are any other avenues for disposal, rather than further foul our magnificent and delicate bay ecology, then they must be utilized.

Apparently, much of this hazardous waste can be reprocessed and marketed. (A flocculating agent from titanium dioxide waste, for instance), and it is methods such as these that should be considered.

Our primary concern; however, is the protection and well-being of our families and community from any further contaminations.

Sincerely,
Sherry and Kevin Webster

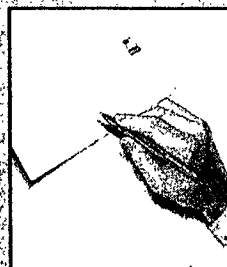
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Sherry and Kevin Webster

Letters to the Editor

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Historic preservation plan could be disastrous for Bay

To the Editor:
I am writing in reference to the article, "Bay council faces potential battles over drainage woes, historic preservation plan," appearing in the Sea Coast Echo of Jan. 8, 2004.

The article discusses in part an historic preservation ordinance scheduled for a vote at the Council's Jan. 27 meeting. According to the Echo, "The ordinance--in the making for

years--would establish a commission to oversee alterations or demolitions of properties in historic districts that would be created in the future. It would also provide for protections of 'landmark' sites or properties outside specific districts."

According to the article, property owners denied building permission could

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appeal to the City Council. Doug Seal, City Council Member for Ward 1, opposes the ordinance, reports the Echo, on the grounds that it "amounts to a vast set of new regulations over property owners' rights. We're creating a monster," he said." Council President Bill Taylor noted that "he'd like to see an opinion poll on the proposal's popularity among those property owners directly affected."

I wholeheartedly agree with Councilman Seal.

I am a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. Though my duties as a history professor at a university in South Carolina require me to be away from my home for eight months each year until I retire, I have always been a registered voter here in Bay St. Louis.

My great-grandparents, my grandparents, and my parents have always been property owners in the historic district. This is my home, about which I care

deeply.

I am extremely concerned about the dangers inherent in the preservation ordinance that may be enacted by the City Council on January 27. From what I have seen in South Carolina, an historic preservation ordinance can indeed, in Councilman Seal's words, be "a monster." The historic district of Charleston, for example, is a beautiful place for tourists to visit, but that status comes at the expense of a preservation ordinance in the historic district that is so restrictive and controlling that no one can make home improvements or build so much as a tool shed without the official permission of a preservation board.

What would our Founding Fathers think! Like the great English political philosopher John Locke, our Founding Fathers believed in the inalienable right of the citizenry to life, liberty, and property. To me,

as I'm sure to many Americans, the idea of a government agency, preservation board, or homeowners' association telling property owners what they can or cannot do with their property is appalling and frightening.

An historic preservation ordinance is different from routine (and necessary) zoning regulations designed to maintain the distinction between commercial and residential districts.

An historic preservation ordinance has the potential for denying home owners the right to improve or repair their property as they see fit. To make it worse, the prospective historic preservation ordinance for Bay St. Louis hasn't even been written yet. Therefore no one knows exactly what it might or might not specify.

I know there are some who would say that my fears are groundless. "Don't worry!" they would say. "The

preservation ordinance surely would not require anything unreasonable!" But who would decide what is or is not unreasonable? Where would the line of demarcation be drawn? Would the ordinance dictate that only certain colors would be acceptable for painting one's house?

That only certain exterior surfaces would be permissible? (No aluminum siding!) That carports must be of specified design? That no ordinary mailboxes could be used and that homeowners must (as in a neighborhood I know) construct brick mail receptacles within specified parameters of height and width?

We have all read of the case of the ex-serviceman who is in the midst of a lawsuit with his homeowners' association because the association refuses him permission to fly his country's flag from a free-standing flagpole in his front yard.

Can we simply trust that

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trucks in order to eat."

And another observation that "anybody can find work who isn't afraid of chipping their fingernails."

After the 1996 Welfare Reform Act was passed by Congress, providing funds for welfare recipients to make the transition into jobs, Taylor opted for a restrictive TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program, turning back child care money for mothers so they could find jobs.

In light of the U.S. Justice Department's recent finding of unconstitutional practices that had been in place at Oakley and Columbia, the state's juvenile corrections schools, the selection of Taylor to return to DHS becomes even more amazing.

Taylor had instituted the "boot camp" programs at Oakley and Columbia that brought about the Justice Department investigation and resulted in the mandate against the state to correct training methods at

the schools.

Noticeably absent from last week's lineup of new state agency heads in the Barbour Administration was anyone to replace departed Rica Payton-Lewis as director of Medicaid whose \$3 billion state-federal budget was criticized by the new governor during his gubernatorial campaign.

There were some reports last week that Barbour had delayed filling the post because he was having difficulty finding someone willing and with adequate credentials to tackle perhaps the toughest administrative job in state government.

Payton-Lewis, who had been brought over from the Veterans Administration by Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, won national recognition and high respect from state legislators as a top-notch Medicaid administrator. Mississippi's program is the source of health care for 720,000 medically needy and disabled persons, including 438,000 children.

Since Payton-Lewis is an

African-American woman, Barbour was believed seeking a black female to fill the job and likely would announce his choice this week.

Barbour's naming of former U.S. Attorney George Phillips to replace flamboyant Frank Melton as head of the Bureau of Narcotics, got mixed reviews. Especially in the Jackson metro area, despite his Rambo style, Melton has been credited with breaking up crime and drug-infested neighborhoods.

Phillips, 54, is remembered for presiding over the federal crackdown on public corruption in Mississippi during the 1980s, including "Operation Pretense," the FBI-run scam, which nabbed dozens of county officials for taking kickbacks on road culvert purchases.

But it was James Tucker, Phillips, chief of the criminal division, who actually planned and led the prosecution that convicted some of the state's most prominent politicians as well as

some 57 county supervisors of public corruption.

Certainly the laid-back Phillips, who has a penchant for disappearing from the state courtroom scene to get on horseback and play cowboy in a remote retreat out West, is hardly likely to become a hands-on operator in the mode of Melton, the passionate drug-buster.

Also, the fact that Melton is an African-American and Phillips is white, and that blacks are preponderantly arrested for drug crimes, are factors in measuring the new administration's wisdom in booting Melton, who though appointed by a Democratic governor, is nonpartisan.

Does last week's batch of mostly older, white men for several key administrative jobs reflect Haley Barbour's view of leadership for a "new" Mississippi?

Hopefully, it does not. The people are taking Barbour at his word that "we can do better," and don't expect to go back to an "old Mississippi."

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Tax forms begin arriving at libraries

AARP Tax Aides to begin free tax assistance February 3

Free federal and state income tax forms are now beginning to arrive at all four branches of the Hancock County Library System - Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, Kiln Public Library, Pearlinton Public Library and Waveland Public

Library.

The basic forms, 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ forms, are at the libraries, along with the companion instruction booklets. State income tax booklets are also available, as are Schedules D and F. More forms are yet to come.

"Every day we receive

more forms," said David Woodburn, Hancock County Library System assistant director. "And the reproducible book of forms that people can use to copy has not arrived, but should arrive soon."

"We ask people to keep checking back with us if we do not have the forms they need yet," he continued.

More information on tax forms is available by calling the Reference Department at the Bay St.

Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-5282, extension 13.

The AARP Tax Aides will begin their free tax assistance that includes electronic filing, on Tuesday, Feb. 3. More details will follow.

TOPS MS 233

TOPS, MS 233 met Jan. 13 at the Waveland Methodist Church located on Central Avenue and Vacation Lane in Waveland.

TOPS best loser for the week was Denise with a loss of 7-1/4 lbs. KOPS best loser for the week was Debbie. Youth best loser for the week was Stephen with a loss of 2-1/4 lbs. Gift was won by Wenda. Incentive was won by Shirley, but cheerfully donated back. We welcomed two visitors Mary and Denise. Welcome.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday at Waveland Methodist Church. Weigh-in is from 5-6 pm with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight and maintaining weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

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MARIAN BOUNDS
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JAMES MCCONNELL
JOHN ROBERTS
MARILYN SIMS

MARIAN BOUNDS
 Marian Bounds, 67, of Picayune, MS died January 12, 2004 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

She was a native of Picayune, MS. She was a homemaker. She was a member of First Methodist Church of Picayune, MS.

Survivors include four sons, Olen D. Bounds, Jr. of Lumberton, MS; William Sutherland of FL; Stephen Sutherland of Green County, MS; Joshua Bounds of Picayune, MS; two daughters, Hilda Page of Bay St. Louis, MS; and Rebecca Sanders of Picayune, MS; nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at Picayune Funeral Home. Burial was in the New Palestine Cemetery in Picayune, Ms.

THELMA BRUNET

Thelma Marie Fauchaux Brunet, on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, age 76, "In Heaven This Day with Our Lord and Her Son."

The beloved and caring wife of Clerient Jerome Brunet for 56 years. Loving mother of Craig Jeffry Brunet, Peggy Marie Brunet, and the late Jeffry Clark Brunet. Mother-in-law to Michelle Rene Dalbec Brunet. Grandmother to Dawn Michelle Burnet Lester, Stacy Marie Brunet Barry and Chad Jonathan Brunet. Great Grandmother to Caleb Meyers, Justin Meyers, Cody Meyers and Jacob Meyers. Sister to Laura Fauchaux Bozant and Miriam Fauchaux Hoyle.

A private Memorial Service will be held. In Lieu of flowers, the family respectfully request that Masses be said in Her Honor.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

VAN FAVRE, SR.

Van John "V.J." Favre, Sr., 58, a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis, MS died on January 7, 2004.

He was born on August 14, 1945 and was of the Catholic Faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gilmore "Peck" Favre and Layonis Favre, and older brother,

Lucien A. "Peter Peck" Favre.

He is survived by four daughters and one son.

A Memorial Service will be held at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home on Saturday, January 17, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.



EMILE HENLEY

Emile Hampton Henley, 76, of Bay St. Louis died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, in Bay St. Louis.

He was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Lakeshore. He was a member of Germaine No. 46 Masonic Lodge in New Orleans and a member of American Legion Post No. 77 in Waveland.

He was a Merchant Marine and retired from the city of Waveland as the building inspector. He was preceded in death by Baby Henley; parents, Robert and Amy Victoria Fayard Henley Sr.; sister, Yvonne Henley Fricke; three brothers, Paul and Jerome Henley and Robert Henley Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Carmel Marziale Henley of Bay St. Louis; two sons, Emile Henley Jr. of Lafayette, La., and Dennis Henley and wife Patty of Bay St. Louis; Sandra Henley and husband Pooche of Waveland; Sheila Griebel and husband Gene of Gulfport; three stepsons, Michael Ellington and wife Jody of Gulfport; Raymond Marziale and wife Donna of Bay St. Louis; Ferdinand Marziale and wife Marie of Harvey, La.; three stepdaughters, Lisa Ladner and husband Winton of Pass Christian, Barbara Percele and husband Gary of Marrero, La., and Debra Marinucci and husband Richard of Centerville, Va.

He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 18 step grandchildren and 12 step great grandchildren.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. The procession will leave the funeral home at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, for a mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. at St. Ann Catholic Church in Lakeshore. Interment will follow in the Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers donations to St. Ann Building Fund, P.O. Box 1037, Lakeshore, MS. 39558. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

HORACE LABAT SR.

Horace B. Labat Sr., 83, a longtime resident of Pass Christian died Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Labat was a 1941 graduate of Randolph High School and was a member of the Randolph High football team. He was an active member of the Mexican Gulf Lodge No. 64. Mr. Labat volunteered for service in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving from 1941 to 1946. He served as a staff sergeant in the famed 92nd Infantry Division known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Mr. Labat saw active combat in both the European and Pacific theaters of World War II battles including, Rome, Anzio, the Northern Apennines and the Po Valley.

His military medals and

citations included, Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action while fighting in Italy, the Asian Theater of Operations Medal, the East African Middle East Theater of Operations Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

The Bronze Star Citation reads in part: "Staff Sergeant Labat was in command of a squad holding one of three advance isolated strong points which received a tremendous concentration of hostile fire from all areas. In the heat of the situation Staff Sergeant Labat calmly withheld his squad's fire until the enemy was within point-blank range. Then he ordered such accurate countfire that the entire enemy attack was repulsed. This brilliant display of superior personal leadership inspired all members of his organization and is a worthy example of a soldiers gallant achievement."

After returning home from the war, Mr. Labat worked as a master carpenter and assisted in the restoration of many of the historic homes in Pass Christian and in the French Quarter of New Orleans.

He was a successful business man and civic leader.

He was preceded in death by his parents Herbert and Mamie Labat and his son Gregory Labat. Mr. Labat leaves to mourn his three daughters Wanica J. Labat, Sandra Dell Labat and Patricia I. Labat; one son, Horace B. Labat Jr.; one brother-in-law, Lionel (Carmen) Landry, all of Pass Christian; one niece, Lynette Labat Henderson; one nephew, Ronald Labat; four grandchildren, Adrena Smiley Williams, Lemuel Smiley, Horace Smiley, Austin Labat; and one great-grandson, Antoine Williams; a longtime companion, Willie Mae Johnson; a host of cousins and other relatives and close friends.

Services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m. at the Old Pass Christian Middle School Gymnasium, 315 Clark Street with visitation one hour before services.

Interment Cedar Rest Cemetery in Bay St. Louis with military honors.



JOHN LANGE

John Strate Lange, 91, of Diamondhead died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, in Diamondhead.

He was born on Sept. 1, 1912, in New Orleans to George and Marie Lange.

Survivors include his children, John, Barbara and George; grandchildren, Steven, Angela, Amy and Jill; and great grandchildren, Makenzie, Will and Russ.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie; brothers, Augustus and George Jr.; and sisters, Cleopatra and Claire Marie.

Mr. Lange got his early education in New Orleans. He attended Tulane University for one year before being forced into the work force early by the Great Depression. He was an aspiring actor and had the lead role in the play "Dark Victory" where he fell in love with the female lead whom he married.

He and Marge met in September 1940 and married Jan. 19, 1941. He spent his working years in sales as a manufacturers representative. He semi-retired in 1977. Mr. Lange served as

vice president of Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, was active in Rotary Club of Diamondhead, was a member of Hope Haven and participated in "Project Grandpa" for Bay-Waveland Head Start.

Raised Roman Catholic, he and Marjorie joined the Presbyterian Church in 1955, when living in Kenner, La. They moved to Bay St. Louis in 1976 and became members of the Episcopal Church.

He served on the Vestry as Junior Warden and joined Diamondhead Community Church in June of 1993. The family asks that donations be made to Hancock Food Pantry or Hancock County Library, 508 Ulman Ave., Bay St. Louis, MS, 39520 or Gulf Coast Womens Center for non-violence, P.O. Box 333, Biloxi, MS 39533.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m. at Diamondhead Community Church. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

JAMES MCCONNELL

James Logan McConnell, 80, of Slidell, LA died Monday, January 12, 2004 in Slidell, LA.

Beloved husband of Iris Davis McConnell; father of James L. McConnell Jr. of Hammond, LA; and Sharon M. Norman of Slidell; stepfather of Pam Folse of Pensacola, FL and Penny Wettermann of Ocala, FL; son of the late James N. and Pauline Hammonds McConnell; brother of June M. McIntyre of Waveland; also survived by 5 grandchildren; 7 step-grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was a native of Monroe, LA and a resident of Slidell for 26 years. He was a U.S. Navy WWII veteran and a member of American Legion Post No. 374; Geology graduate of Tulane University, New Orleans; member of Delta Cappa Epsilon fraternity; Parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and a retired vice president of sales for Louisiana Materials Co. Inc.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 315 Westchester Place, Slidell at 2 p.m., Thursday, January 15, 2004. All visitation at the church after noon until funeral time.

Interment with military honors in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Arrangements by Honaker Funeral Home Inc. in Slidell.

JOHN ROBERTS

Mr. John Henry "Pop" Roberts, 61, of Picayune, Ms died January 12, 2004 in Hattiesburg, MS.

He was a native of Shabuta, MS. He was retired. He is a member of Rosa Sharon Church of God in Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Stella Roberts of Picayune, MS; 1 son, Michael Roberts of Wladorf, Maryland, 1 adopted son, Lenson Roberts of Picayune, MS; 2 daughters, Felecia McDougle of Picayune, MS; Jancie Holiday of Jackson, MS; 1 brother, Frankie Lee Roberts of Heidelberg, MS; 2 sisters, Ruthie Mae McRee of Laural, MS; Ethel Mae Weems of Miami, FL; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2004 from 9-10 a.m. with Funeral Services following in Rosa Sharon Church of God in Christ.

Burial will be in Picayune Cemetery.

Baylous Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

MARILYN SIMS

Marilyn "Bay" Simpson Sims, 66, of Pass Christian died Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Sims was a native of

New Orleans and a resident of Pass Christian for the past 12 years.

Mrs. Sims was preceded in death by her parents, Ethel Gilmore Simpson and Robert L. Simpson; and brothers, Robert L. Simpson Jr., and John Gilmore Simpson.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald N. Sims; daughter, Missy Jackson Adam of Bay St. Louis; stepson, Dr. Gerald N. Sims Jr. of Owensboro, Ky.; stepdaughter, Catherine Sims Sewell of Natchez; a sister, Ann Simpson Clifton of New Orleans; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian on Wednesday, Jan. 14. A memorial mass followed. Burial will take

place at a later date in Lakelawn Cemetery in Metairie, La.

Memorials may be made to Pass Christian Public Library, 111 Hiern Ave., Pass Christian, MS 39571; or to St. Paul Catholic Church, 140 E. Beach Blvd., Pass Christian, MS 39571.

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Business News

Planning and zoning office cracks down on junk yards, auto wrecking companies

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Several business owners in the county got some news this week when they received letters from the county planning and zoning office informing them that they are operating their businesses illegally.

The letters are part of a crack down on area junk yards and auto wrecking companies, many of which are operating in residential areas and in flood zones without proper permits.

Business owners have been ordered to contact the planning and zoning office by a January 31 deadline.

"We are starting with the ones we have had the most complaints about," said building official Mickey Lagasse of the four letters sent out this week to area businesses. "Since last May we have received complaints on about 150 properties, many of which are not businesses, but proper-

ty cleanup issues."

Lagasse said that his office will send out another round of letters next week, mostly to people operating junk yards without the proper permits. Some of the businesses are in areas that

the chance to voice their opinions.

Junk yards and auto wrecking businesses operating within the flood plain would have also have to conform to stringent regulations requiring them to

with people," said Lagasse. "I can't emphasize that enough. We don't expect them to have a clean up done by January 31, but they need to contact the office so that we can work towards a solution."

"This is not a personal issue or an attempt to raise money," said Lagasse. "It is about being consistent and trying to handle complaints and treat everyone equally."

Operating auto junk yards in the floodplain is also an environmental issue because of the automobile fluids, said Lagasse, and so also will may fall under regulations by the Department of Environmental Quality or the Environmental Protection Agency.

Fines for each violation will be levied at \$100 per day per offense. Each day the violation continues will be considered a separate offense, said the letter to business owners.

"This could mean \$100 per day per car," said Lagasse. "But I don't think it will come to that."

"This is not a personal issue or an attempt to raise money. It is about being consistent and trying to handle complaints and treat everyone equally."

Mickey Lagasse, building official

would simply require the owner to come in and apply for the proper permits, said Lagasse.

Those operating the businesses can come into the planning and zoning office to apply for a special use permit, which would open the issue up to a public hearing, giving neighbors

elevate each automobile above the base flood elevation or be certified flood proof to ensure that no fluids leak out into area ditches or waterways.

The only other alternative is to remove all violations and clean up the debris.

"We are willing to work

Neighbors unhappy with 'horrible mess'

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Benville Estates resident William E. Stempler Jr. failed to appear at a Hancock County Planning and Zoning meeting Thursday evening, but most of his neighbors were there, none too happy with what they called a "horrible mess" on Stempler's property.

Stempler had applied to planning and zoning for a special exception permit to allow him to store automobiles on the property for a recycling operation.

But neighbors said Stempler already had about 90 junk cars on the property, with or without the approval of the county.

The Commission voted unanimously to deny Stempler's request on the grounds that the business would not be in harmony with the surrounding neighborhood, a quiet residential area.

About 30 people, who identified themselves as the "whole neighborhood" presented pictures and descriptions depicting the disarray on the property. Besides the junk cars, neighbors said, there was an abandoned trailer and another trailer in which people were living. The trailer, they said, was not hooked up to any sewer system or to electricity, except by a line run from the house.

"The health issue can't wait," said Carl Cantrell. "Does there have to be a plague before something is done?"

Though planning and zoning officials tried to keep comments on the subject of the proposed junk yard, neighbors seemed determined to express their disapproval of the condition of the property in general. A clean up on the property seemed to be the problem that most people wanted addressed.

Pictures showed junk cars, tires, car parts, and other trash as well as large equipment.

"Our quality of life is at issue," said John Haasath. "The noise generated by the equipment used, the environmental concerns, and I am worried about fire hazards."

The cars parked in front of the property block the road, said Nancy Raffo, making it impossible to get by without driving in the ditch.

"We live right next to the property and have to listen to all the noise they make," said Karen Jones. "I don't want a

junk yard right next to my house."

Though Commissioners denied Stempler's request, getting the property cleaned up may be a whole other issue. The board advised neighbors to take their concerns to the Board of Health

and County Supervisors. The EPA could also become involved because of the leaking gas and oil from the old cars. The trailer, moved to the property without proper permitting, would be considered a zoning issue, said building official Mickey Lagasse.

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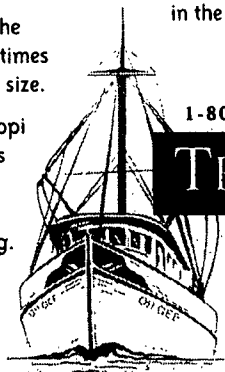
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Dogs -- illegal fight ring busted

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Deputy Tim Campbell, Sgt. Jason Chandler and Sgt. Doug Ladner were responding to an anonymous 911 hang-up call at Lewis Lane just off Hwy. 43 northwest of Kiln Saturday night when they were forced to stop because the road was blocked by dozens of cars parked on and near property owned by Kenneth Larousse, 46, according to Investigator Matt Barnett.

When they went to investigate, Barnett said, Campbell, recognized the scene as a dog fight immediately "because we had been involved in a dog fighting bust we both worked in 1992 in Pearl River County."

Barnett said it appeared the deputies arrived on the scene just before the actual fighting was about to begin.

The three men were able to apprehend 22 people at the scene. Dozens more fled into the woods, he said.

Most of the fleeing suspects left their cars behind because the deputies had them blocked in. The sheriff's department impounded 18 vehicles, Barnett said, some of them containing weapons, marijuana and even a large amount of cash.

After obtaining a search warrant, investigators on the scene worked late into the night and much of Sunday from Judge Ricky Adam, Barnett said, along with Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Hancock animal control officers, Waveland Animal Shelter workers, the Mississippi Dept. of Fish & Wildlife and volunteers including West.

In addition to weapons, cash and illicit substances on the property, Barnett said, investigators found several cages full of dogs bearing scars from previous fights and the rotting carcasses of a few dead dogs;

along with treadmills, animal cages and a huge cache of veterinary supplies.

The "pit" at the Larousse property had been outfitted with outdoor lighting and even a makeshift concession stand, Barnett said. Among the live dogs workers rescued, some were still just puppies. Others appeared to be scarred, seasoned veterans. About half of the animals were transported to the Waveland Animal Shelter, the rest to the Harrison County shelter, where they were to be detained until a judge could determine whether they should be destroyed.

"Most of the dogs were really, really friendly," Barnett said. "The lady form Animal Control walked right up to them and petted them. ... But if they got close to another dog, then you had a problem."

Two dogs had to be euth-

anized at the scene because they began attacking each other, he said.

West said that it was regrettable that any of the dogs had to be put down, but it was safer for humans to euthanize those that had already been in the ring.

"Pit bulls can make great pets for people ...," West said, "but once you turn on that predatory instinct, you can't ever predict what will trigger it."

While some of the animals only seemed to be aggressive toward other animals and not humans, he said, "If you can guarantee me that three years from now they're all still going to be behind a 12-foot fence and never allowed around other dogs or children, then that's fine. ... But you can't."

"People who fight animals, whether it's dogs or chickens, should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of

the law," Friends of the Animal Shelter President Micki Evans said on Tuesday. "This is unbelievably cruel ... it's just sick behavior."

Larousse was booked on one count of dog fighting and one count of the possession of a stolen firearm, Barnett said. Among those charged with one felony count each of dog fighting were:

- John Thompson III, 33, of Gueydan, La.
- Byron D. Williams, 24, Gueydan, La.
- Danny Williams, 32, of Bridge City, La.
- Brandie Scully, 21, of Bridge City.
- Terry Scully, 19, of Pass Christian.
- Kevin Valentine, 40, of Baton Rouge.
- John A. Daniel, 45, of Montgomery, Al.
- Van G. Victorian, 32, of Jennings, La.

- Tiffany D. Scott, 33, of Marrero.

- Brianna Francis, 24, of Lafayette.

- John A. Tarvin, 28, of Hattiesburg.

- Justin Ladner, 20, of Gulfport.

- Henry W. Riley III, of New Orleans.

- Lloyd J. Harris III, 21, of New Orleans.

- John Smith, 32, of New Orleans.

- Warren Nelson, 23, of Baton Rouge.

- Sedrick A. Ned, 30, of Jennings, La.

- Skyler J. Williams, 20, of Gueydan, La.

- Anthony Straughter, 31, of St. Rose.

- Galen Kevin Blake, 28, of Harvey.

- Larry Robinson, 39, of Kenner.

- Jeffery Hayes, 23, of St. Gabriel, La.

Barnett said more arrests are expected.

Waste -- Pearlington collection system

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project should also be ready to go out for bid in June, he said.

Newton said construction on the package plant will be complete in time to bring new customers on line. Construction on the 200,000 gallon per day plant should take around five or six months, he said, with the collection system taking

maybe twice that time to complete.

Southern Regional is in negotiations now with a private landowner in the Stennis Buffer zone for a location for the plant. The property is located on Hwy. 90 where the old truck scales were previously located, across from Old Hwy. 90, which goes to Port Bienville.

Where the outfall for the plant will be is currently under study. Eventually officials hope to remove all outfall lines from area waterways and use a spray irrigation method. There is a possibility that the

Western plant will open using spray irrigation as an outfall method, said Newton, who is currently working on a \$168,000, 201 facilities plan for the current plant in Waveland the Western plant, near

Pearlington and the proposed Northern plant near Kiln.

If spray irrigation is deemed too expensive for the current budget, Newton said than the outfall from the plant will be into Whites

Bayou. The study also includes a look at a transmission line for spray irrigation from the Waveland plant.

The Waveland plant currently has an outfall line in Edward's Bayou.

Sentence

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Bordages' wounds were complicated, and required a series of painful surgeries.

"I feel sorry for (Skinner's) family," Bordages said yesterday, but added that he had little sympathy for the convicted

man himself.

Skinner was detained at the Harrison County Jail yesterday, and scheduled for transport to the Mississippi Correctional Facility at Parchman later.

Mallini-Bourgeois to reign at Les Bon Temps

The Clement R. Bontemps Unit 139 of the American Legion Auxiliary announces that Mrs. Helen Mallini and Mr. Randolph Bourgeois will reign as Queen Minerva II and King Clement II at the Les Bon Temps Mardi Gras Ball to be held on January 23, 2004.

Mrs. Myrna Bourgeois and Mr. Jimmie Ladner Jr. will serve as Grand Duchess and Grand Duke of the event.

Maids to Queen Minerva II are: Mrs. Beverly Vaughan, Mrs. Glynnis Piazza, Mrs. Taylor Iwanczyk, Mrs. Frances Graves, Mrs. Pam Metzler and Mrs. Laverna Dedeaux.

Dukes to King Clement II are: Mr. Gilbert Gayaut, Mrs. Louis Whittle, Mr. Ron Derick, Mr. Jim Long, Mr. Ernie Zimmerman, and Mr. Denny Abney.

Les Bon Temps Mardi Gras Ball will be held at the Hancock Civic Center with Dr. Rock and the Interns providing the music and entertainment by Bayhi School of Dance. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

All members of the court belong to Post and Unit 139 and to the Sons of the American Legion.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the American Legion Auxiliary Veterans programs.

New Purple Heart Chapter forming

The Military Order of the Purple Heart will hold an organizational breakfast January 31st at 9:30 a.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club.

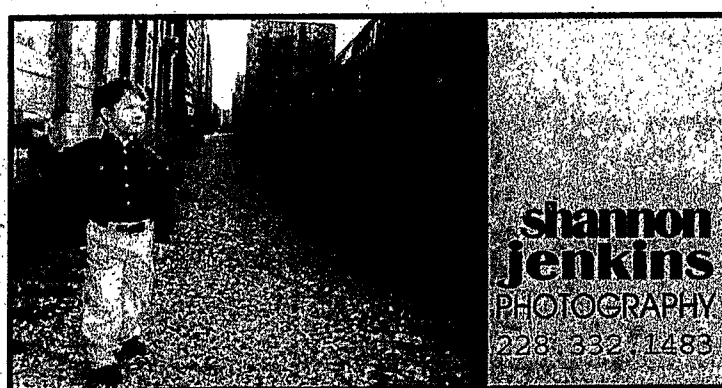
The purpose is to plan the establishment of a new chapter in the area.

The Purple Heart medal is given to military members wounded in combat.

Those interested in joining can contact Henry Cook in Diamondhead at (228)586-2623 or Ray Funderburk in Bay St. Louis at 469-9644.

'Creating Sacred Space' at Da Beach House

Da Beach House on Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis will present "Talk A'bout Creating Sacred Spaces," beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, with Creating Sacred Space founder Keith Karlson. Karlson uses a process of inner knowledge and intuition to help create the best home and garden environments for personal happiness.



7th annual basketball alumni day to honor Hawks team 'today, tomorrow, & forever'

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Following in the tradition of "Hawk Today, Hawk Tomorrow, Hawk Forever," the Hancock Hawks basketball program has set their 7th annual Alumni Day for Saturday, January 17. All alumni players and coaches are invited to attend.

Hancock boys head basketball coach Michael Ladner commented, "We want to invite all former

players, men and women, to come back to campus for alumni day. This is a day for former players to be introduced to the fans and the teams. There is an outstanding tradition here at Hancock and we want to honor those who have helped build that tradition."

The scheduled games begin at 10am with the 9th grade girls followed by the 9th grade boys at 11am. The junior varsity girls take

the court at 12:30pm followed by the junior varsity boys at 2pm. The varsity girls hit the court against the Lady Greyhounds at 3:30 p.m. The varsity boys tangle with the Greyhounds at 5 p.m.

The women alumni players will be introduced at halftime of the varsity girls game while the men alumni will be recognized at halftime of the boys game.

Dinner will be served for

the alumni beginning at 5pm and the alumni games will begin at 6:45pm. There will be 3-point and free throw contests followed by the men and women's games. Participants will need to bring clothes and shoes for the games and locker rooms will be available for changing.

There will be a sign-in for complimentary admission for the alumni basketball players and their guest.

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DMR earns fire grant

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THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources was recently named as lead agency for the Coastal Mississippi Fire Management Cooperative CIAP grant. The purpose of the \$437,000 grant is to expand the application of prescribed fire management in coastal Mississippi to reduce the risks of severe wildfires and maximize the ecological functions of our fire-adapted coastal ecosystems.

"It is critical that we address the problem of altered fire regimes in coastal Mississippi by shifting our focus from fire suppression to managing fire-adapted ecosystems," said DMR Executive Director William Walker. "This grant will allow us to work collaboratively to do that."

Fire has played a vital role in shaping many of the ecosystems common to coastal Mississippi. Nearly all terrestrial and many wetland ecosystems experience fire at some interval, and many include plants and animals adapted to or dependent on periodic fires. When key attributes of a fire-adapted ecosystem are altered for example, by fire suppression-the natural character and ecological functions of these ecosystems may be dramatically altered and degraded.

On the Mississippi Gulf Coast, altered fire regimes are primarily the result of fire suppression and changing land use. The suppression of natural periodic fires and the underuse of prescribed fire has resulted, in some instances, in a dangerous buildup of fuels and in altered habitats with degraded ecological functions. The trend in such areas is toward wildfires of increasing intensity and severity that threaten ecosystem health as well as lives and property.

"Proper use of prescribed fire will not only reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, but help restore degraded habitats and their ecological functions," said DMR Coastal Preserves Manager Jeff Clark, coordinator of the Coastal Mississippi Fire Management Cooperative grant.

The Coastal Mississippi Fire Management Cooperative is a collaborative effort of Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson County Fire Coordinators, the Mississippi Forestry Commission, the Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain, the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, the USDA Forest Service, The Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Mississippi

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Raised & Confused



Raised bed gardening puts the joy back in planting flowers and shrubs.

Raised bed gardening provides beauty in '04

SOUTHERN GARDENING

BY NORMAN WINTER
MSU Horticulturist
Central Mississippi Research
& Extension Center

The key to happiness with flowers in 2004 may depend on raised beds.

Twenty years ago the phrase "raised bed gardening" conjured up visions of railroad or landscape timbers encompassing the vegetable garden. The reasons were simple: the soil was yucky, and these walls of wood could hold in the perfect organic and topsoil blends brought in by a truck.

From the standpoint of flowers, the ultimate raised bed is a large container filled with a good, light potting mix and several species of flowers. How many of us as gardeners find sizzle with flowers in a container but fizzle with those same

flowers in the landscape?

I encourage beginning gardeners to visualize their flower bed as a pot 8 to 10 inches high but perhaps covering 100 square feet. In other words, create a large horizontal pot.

Very few plants can thrive by simply digging a hole and planting. Most of us do not have the ideal soil for annual or perennial bedding plants. Roots of bedding plants have to penetrate soils quickly, anchor plants and absorb water and nutrients, often under adverse conditions.

In many cases the lots where our homes are sitting have had the topsoil scraped off and a material that is hardly suitable for plant life brought in for the foundation. Unfortunately that material also makes up the flower or shrub beds.

But all is not lost. We can have beautiful flowers -- and many of them are tougher in our climate than we ever dreamed -- but we have to give their roots a good

home. With such a great importance aesthetically and financially to our home, it only makes sense to do the job right the first time.

Plants require oxygen, nutrients and water for proper growth. The soil texture plays the most important role in determining whether or not those three needs are met sufficiently to allow the plant to become established and perform to expectations.

Desirable soil has the ability to hold water while allowing for adequate drainage. It also provides adequate oxygen for root development. Tight, heavy clay soils challenge the best of gardeners.

Amending the planting area is one of the best ways to overcome these conditions. This can be done fairly easily and efficiently by adding organic matter such as leaf mold, compost, peat and sand. Incorporating a 3- to 4-inch layer of organic matter with the native soil allows the bed to be built up -- a "raised" bed, if you wish -- and provides excellent drainage.

Commercial landscapers have an easier way to perform this task.

After the bed area is cleared of all unwanted vegetation, prepared landscape planting mixes are placed in the bed. These mixes, or blends, have some sort of retaining wall such as baked enamel edging, heavy-duty vinyl, timbers, paver-stone or rock.

Depending on the depth of the enclosure, tilling may or may not be necessary. Regardless, the soil will be loose for young plants. These mixes are available by the bag or in bulk at most garden centers.

Separating the raised beds from the turf area with a retaining wall makes a lot of sense. From an aesthetic standpoint, the flowers or shrubs stand out, and the grass even looks better.

It also makes sense from the maintenance standpoint. The beds normally have different water requirements than the turf area. Zoned irrigation is easily accomplished. But the real ease comes from using a string trimmer or edger around the bed's wall. This

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Picayune woman battles back from West Nile virus

BY LISA UZZLE GATES
Health and Research News
Service

As thousands of Mississippians take precautions against the flu bug, Patricia Wilkes continues her fight against a very different kind of bug.

It was a mosquito carrying West Nile virus that first put Wilkes of Picayune in the hospital in November and robbed her of her ability to walk.

"It came on pretty sudden," she said. "I woke up one morning and everything seemed fine. I didn't feel great, but I didn't notice anything wrong."

She made breakfast for her husband Bert before he left for work. Shortly after that, as she walked through her bedroom, she lost all strength in her right leg and fell. Fortunately, Bert Wilkes had a light day at work and decided to go home early. He found her on the floor.

"I couldn't move," Wilkes said. When Patricia Wilkes first arrived at the hospital near her hometown, she got a cursory and incorrect diagnosis, as is frequently the case with West Nile virus. "They said my sodium was low and I was dehydrated," she said. They gave her intravenous fluids and sent her home. But she

and Bert knew something was wrong. "She had a 103 degree temperature and she couldn't walk," Bert Wilkes said. "I called the local doctor and we took her over there. He sent her right back to the hospital."

That's when the tests started. Doctors initially thought she had Guillian Barre Syndrome, an autoimmune disorder that can cause swift paralysis and is frequently the first wrong diagnosis in West Nile cases.

Several days later Wilkes, 65, was diagnosed with West Nile virus. "I really knew very little about it. I knew if you were very young or very old you could die

from it. But I didn't know about the other symptoms that could come with it," she said.

Suzanne Wilkes, Patricia Wilkes' daughter-in-law and a medical equipment sales representative for Medtronics, spends a lot of time in rehabilitation hospitals. She was familiar with Methodist Rehabilitation Center's reputation for treating West Nile virus patients and urged her mother-in-law to go there for care.

"Before we even understood there were neurological problems, I knew she would need

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Sports

SSC's defense key to 62-21 win

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws put on a defensive clinic against the visiting East Central Hornets on Tuesday. The Rocks cruised to a 62-21 victory over the Hornets to improve to 16-4 overall and 5-1 in Division 8 Class 4A. The win sets up a crucial game between the Rocks and division foe Pass Christian on Friday, January 16 at the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "We played extremely hard on defense tonight. Each player got after it on the defensive end. I thought it was our best effort on defense all season. We have a huge game on Friday against Pass Christian. We must be at the top of our game to be successful."

While the entire team played solid defense during the entire game, one player turned the key that started the engine - Darius Acker. He turned in a complete game of 15 points, 5 assists and 6 steals to lead SSC. Mario Faranda added 11 points in the game.

SSC jumped out to a 19-4

advantage by the end of the first period and the rout was on. The Rocks held a 34-11 margin at the intermission with both Acker and Faranda scoring 8 points in the half.

In other recent high school basketball action, the Pass Christian Pirates split a pair of games with the D'Iberville Warriors on January 9. The Pirates defeated the Warriors 86-84 in the boys game. Chad Musgrove lead Pass Christian (11-5, 4-0) with 26 points. The Lady Pirates fell to D'Iberville 47-43. Kellie Martin turned in a double-double for Pass Christian with 19 points and 12 rebounds.

On January 10, the Lady Hawks defeated the Lady Tigers of Hattiesburg 74-22 to improve to 13-3 and 3-0 in the division. Brooke Necaice scored 14 points to lead Hancock. Ashley Boehnel added 11 points and Courtney Craft scored 10 points in the game.

In high school soccer action, the Lady Tigers of Bay High were shutout 4-0 by the D'Iberville Lady Warriors on January 12.

The OLA Crescents went 2-0-1 in their last three soc-

cer games to improve to 15-4-1. On January 6, the Crescents shutout Resurrection 10-0. Rachel Cranford and Meghan Flynt both scored a hat trick to lead OLA. Laura Ellis added 2 goals while Ellen Dauterive and Amanda Meyers each scored once. Cranford added 4 assists in the game followed by Flynt with three. Meyers, Lauren Forte and Jane Covington each tallied an assist. Amelia Simpson and Annie Giardino combined for the shutout in goal.

On January 9, the Crescents defeated Poplarville 6-0. Cranford scored twice while Ellis, Whitney Stewart, Lauren Renz and Cassie Schaffer each scored once. Flynt added three assists in the game followed by Ellis, Margaret Rittiner and Lindsay Benvenuti with one each. Giardino, and Simpson combined for the shutout.

On January 10, the Crescents tied with Sacred Heart 2-2. Cranford and Rittiner each scored in the game. Flynt and Dauterive added the assist. Sacred Heart is the defending state champion in Louisiana.

The junior varisty soccer team at OLA split a pair of games recently to drop to 8-1 with a 4-0 win against Resurrection on January 6 and a 3-0 loss to Sacred Heart on January 10.

In the Resurrection game, Cassie Schaffer scored twice and Lindsay Benvenuti and Lakasia Duckworth each scored once. Whitney Stewart, Benvenuti, Duksworth, and Annie Giardino all had assists. Amelia Simpson tallied the shutout in goal.

The OLA junior high soccer team remained undefeated at 6-0-1 with a 7-0 win over Long Beach on January 9 and a 2-2 tie against Sacred Heart on January 10.

In the Long Beach game, Jaime Reisch and Shelby Wild each scored twice. Madeleine Michelli, Bri Johnston, and Ashley Fournier all scored once. Reisch tallied three assists and Wild one in the game. Johnston, Lizzy Milner and Katy Kenny all combined for the shutout in goal. In the Sacred Heart game, Olivia Hoff and Wild scored the goals for OLA. Rebekah Kennedy tallied two assist in the game.

Beating a drum



When 13-year-old Sarah Bailey of Edwardsburg, Michigan came to visit her dad Steve at his Bay St. Louis home recently, she didn't count on going for a swim. That's what happened, though, when the pair went fishing at the Washington St. Pier. Steve caught a 40-pound drum fish, but the line snapped before he got it out of the water. Sarah yelled "Don't let it go, Dad!" and jumped into the water and wrestled the fish out. After the picture was taken, they released the fish.

PRCC splits with Delgado

Pearl River Community College split with Delgado here Saturday in its return to the hardwood court following the Christmas holiday break.

The Lady Wildcats fell 68-53 to the Lady Dolphins to even its overall record at 6-6, while the Wildcats took an 83-65 victory to improve to 8-3. Against Delgado, Kira Tillman of Poplarville High paced the Lady Wildcats with 16 points, while Carmen Labat of Bay High added 13, Cicely Tatum of Poplarville High and Ashley Smith of Beaumont, Tex., 7 each; Yolanda Hartfield of Hattiesburg High 5, Sonya Henderson of Wayne County 3, Monique Dale of South Jones 2, and Kim Winfrey of Oak Grove 1.

Meagan Stock led DCC with a game-high 26 points, while Katie Sterling added 17, Latoya Howell 9, Kenchasa Williams 7, Ashley Mixon 5, and Ashley Johnson and Renata Raymond, 2 each.

In the men's contest, Larry Brackins of Dothan, Ala., led the Wildcats with a game-high and season-high 28 points, while hauling in a game-high 11 boards; while Ray Selvage of Baton Rouge added 15 and grabbed 9 rebounds. Jonathan Williams of Stone County added 10, Gabe Willis of St. Stanislaus 7, Daryl Cohen of Century, Fla., 6; Jeremy Goff of Picayune High 4, Jason Simmons of Hattiesburg High 3, Alvin Smith of Forrest County AHS, Ethan Smith of Poplarville High, Carlos Cole of Hattiesburg High, and Jacoby Rawls of Sumrall, 2 a piece.

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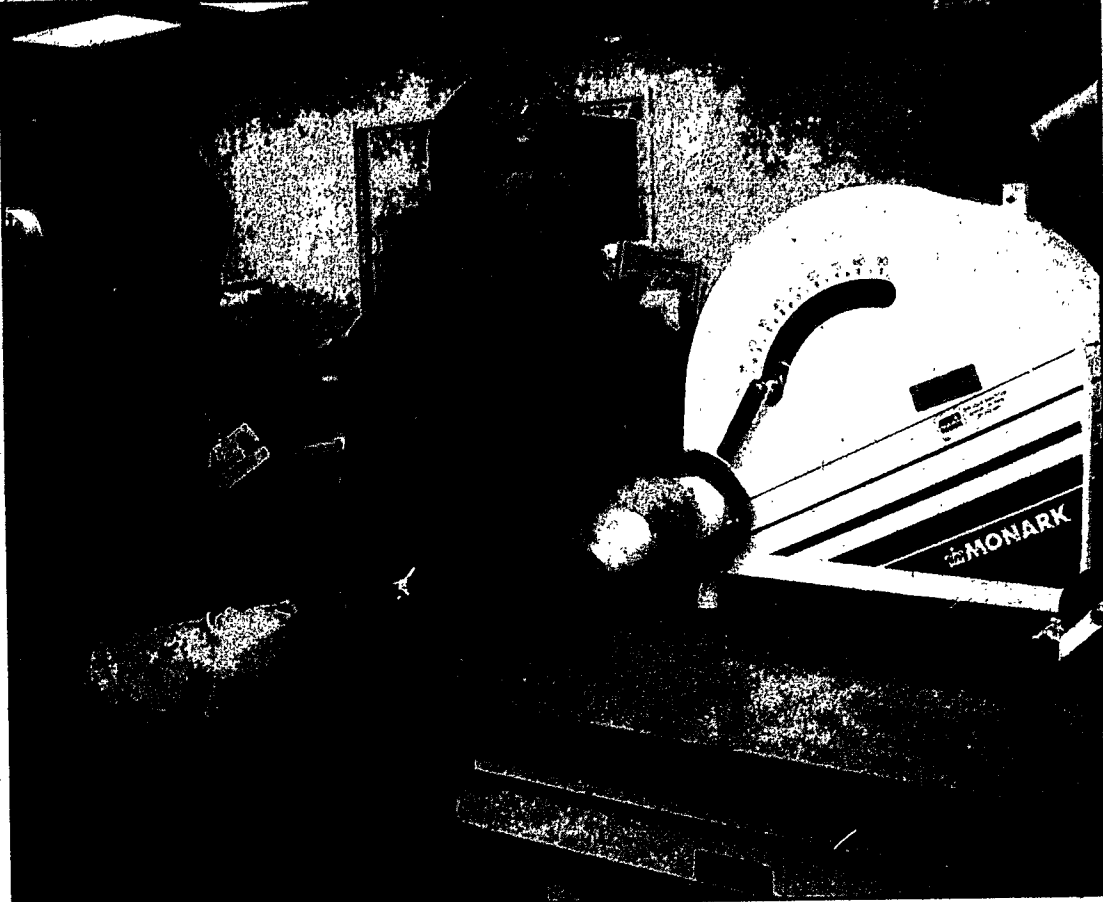
Patricia Wilkes said the virus left her so weak she was like a baby at first; having to work hard to regain basic movement. She spent two weeks as an inpatient at Methodist Rehab and several more in therapy at the hospital's outpatient facility in Flowood. She worked with physical and occupational therapists to build strength and control in her upper and lower body before returning home to Picayune where she continues the rehabilitation exercises she learned at the hospital.

"The therapists at the hospital and outpatient clinic were so nice. Those ladies were really a big help to us," Bert Wilkes said.

Patricia Wilkes isn't sure when she was bitten. She loves to garden and spends a lot of time in her yard, but doesn't remember getting many mosquito bites. "I wish the mosquito had bitten a bird instead of me. This is an illness that takes a toll," she said.

Researchers have found West Nile virus presents in a variety of ways and has a gamut of symptoms that range from fairly mild to debilitating to deadly. It's like other diseases in that it is more often serious in people with immune systems weakened by other illnesses, and the very young or very old, who also have weaker immune systems. But West Nile virus is unusual in that it attacks otherwise healthy people in a range of ways. As some scientists work feverishly to find a vaccine, others are studying the long-term effects of the illness in hopes of providing better care and treatment for those who do suffer the full brunt of the illness.

Doctors at the Center for



Occupational therapist Ashlee Dangelo supports Patricia Wilkes back as she works to increase her upper body strength. Wilkes, a West Nile virus patient, was treated at Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson.

Neuroscience and Neurological Recovery at Methodist Rehab in Jackson are at the forefront of this research. They were the first to discover a link between West Nile virus and a polio-like paralysis that may strike about one out of every 150 West Nile victims.

CNNR researchers are currently about half-way through a one-year study that is designed to answer some of the questions. And while they have made discoveries, the answer to why the virus affects healthy people in such a range of ways continues to elude them.

"You have to realize that most people who are infected suffer few symptoms. Many times the virus will even go unrecognized and be categorized as a mild upper respiratory infection," said Dr. Art Leis, senior CNNR scientist. "Why it

goes on to be so devastating in others is something we still don't understand."

They have identified additional symptoms not previously attributed to the virus, such as, facial weakness, difficulty swallowing, double vision and loss of vision in one eye.

Their initial discoveries showed the virus attacking the anterior horn cells of the spinal cord, which controls muscle function in the body and leads to the paralysis.

New research expands on that, revealing the virus can go beyond the anterior horn cells to attack other nerves and muscles, causing additional loss of motor control in the limbs.

Leis said their research will help in the continued treatment and rehabilitation of those who develop the most serious symptoms of the illness. In the meantime, he is confident a vaccine will be on the market in

the next few years.

But for Patricia Wilkes and others like her, the focus now is on continued rehabilitation.

"We know it's not likely that she will get everything back," Bert Wilkes said. "But she's willing to do the work to recover as much as she can."

To learn more about West Nile virus, go to methodistonline.org.

Methodist Rehabilitation Center is one of only 16 hospitals in the country designated as a **Traumatic Brain Injury Model System** by the **National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research** and is only one of two in the state accepted into the prestigious **Council of Teaching Hospitals**. It is also the only hospital in the state to be named one of America's best by **US News and World Report**.

Fire -- co-op grant

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Department of Environmental Quality.

This cooperative effort is made possible through funding from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, which administers the Mississippi Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). CIAP is a federally sponsored program that provides money for the state and counties to address issues that relate to the coastal environment and ecology.

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Create and implement a fire management plan for the coastal area using Cooperative resources and Memorandum of

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Design pilot projects (prescribed fires) that will help the Cooperative develop procedures, capacity and communication;

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2005 Junior Miss apps

Applications for the 2004 Hancock County Junior Miss Scholarship are now available. Contestants must be juniors who live in Hancock County, and attend high school. Applications are available in the counselors office of each high school or may be obtained by calling Sandy at 601-798-0894 or 228-493-0059. The program is planned for March 13 at the Bay High School Auditorium. Completed applications are due and

may be turned in at the initial meeting on January 17 at 1 p.m. at the Kiln Library on Hwy 603.

Anyone who wishes to be a member of the Hancock County Junior Miss Association is welcome to attend a planning meeting also on January 17 at 12:30 at the Kiln Public Library. All help with the program is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

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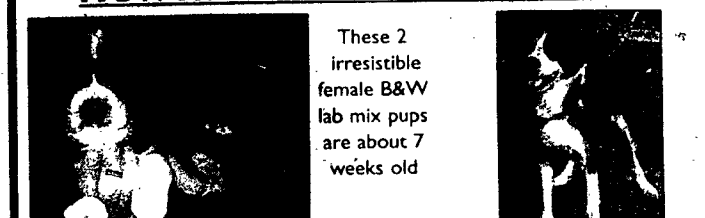
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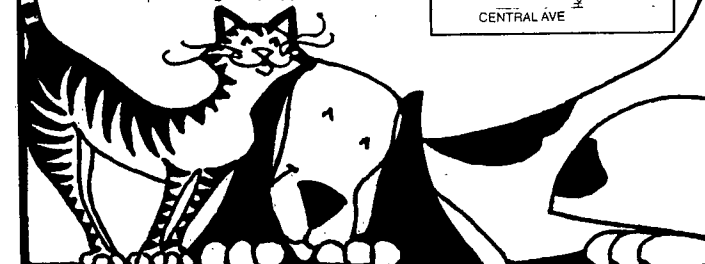


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Bay Little Theatre to present 'Piano Lesson'

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The Bay St. Louis Little Theater will present its production of "The Piano Lesson," a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by August Wilson on Jan. 16-18.

Boy Willie dreams of buying the same Mississippi land that his family had worked as slaves, and plans to sell the family's antique piano to raise the cash he needs. His sister Berniece refuses to sell, clinging to the piano as a part of the family legacy. The family dilemma is the real "piano lesson," a reminder that blacks are often deprived both of the symbols of their past and of opportunity in the present.

August Wilson is known for his spellbinding dramas including his first Pulitzer Prize-winning play Fences, and Ma Rainey's Black Bottom.

The cast includes Metric Dockins as Doaker, Stefan King as Boy Willie, John Ragins as Lyman, Judy Verrett as Berniece, Imani Joseph as Maretha, Allen Jenkins as Avery, Harold Wilkerson as Wining Boy and Shelly Hazeur as Grace.

Others involved are Charles Joseph, director; Rebecca Hardin, assistant



The Bay St. Louis Little Theater will present its production of "The Piano Lesson," a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by August Wilson on Jan. 16-18.

director; and Scott Darrah, producer.

Show times are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for students 17 and below.

The Bay St. Louis Little

Theater, located at 301 Boardman Ave., has a general seating policy.

Tickets will be available at the door on the night of the show, and doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.bsllt.org or call the theater at 228-467-2587.

Biloxi Little Theatre wants you for 'A Few Good Men'

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Biloxi Little Theatre will hold auditions for its third regular season show, "A Few Good Men" on Jan. 18, 19, 25 and 26.

All auditions will be at 7 p.m. at the theater at 220 Lee Street.

Production dates are March 25-27 and April 2-4.

Cast members needed are seven men ages 17-27, four men from their early 20s to mid 30s, eight men from mid 30s to 50 and one female aged 24-35. There are approximately 14 speaking roles and several extras.

"A Few Good Men" is being co-directed by Joe Ray McNeal and Craig DeRoche. The play was the basis for the 1992 hit movie

and is written by multiple award nominee Aaron Sorkin. Sorkin is the writer of the television series "West Wing" and "Sports Night" (Golden Globe nominated). He penned the screenplays for "The American President" and "Malice" and was invited by Steven Spielberg to "polish" the script of "Schindler's List."

In 1989 he received the prestigious Outer Critics Circle award as Outstanding American Playwright for the stage version of "A Few Good Men" later nominated for a Golden Globe.

The plot of "A Few Good Men" follows a Navy JAG lawyer and his struggle to defend two men accused of

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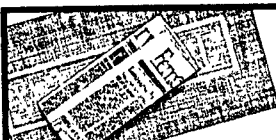
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HELP WANTED: EARN UP TO \$500 per week assembling products at home. No experience. Info 1-985-646-1700, Dept. MS-290.

NEEDED: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS. Methodist Children's Center. Please call Laura 467-4297.

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SALES REP. NEEDED FOR Nexcall Communications. Fulltime, w/benefits, outgoing personality & hard worker. Call Gina 228-323-1347.

81 Appliances

APPLIANCE REPAIR: QUALITY, on time service. 30 years experience. 228-209-7951.

PAUL'S APPLIANCE REPAIR SERVICE: Only \$19.50 for service calls in Bay/Waveland area. We buy, sell or trade all appliances. 90 day warranty on all sales and service. 493-0822.

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RECONDITIONED HOME APPLIANCES: full warranty, large selection. In home repairs, over 15yrs. experience in appliance service. "I can fix what they sold you!" BC&D Home Appliances & Service. 216-1958 or 324-9265.

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82 Antiques, Collectibles

EXPERT CLOCK REPAIR: Highest workmanship, work warranted, bring in for free estimate. House call on Grandfather clocks. 301 Railroad Ave., BSL. 467-4345.

83 Items For Sale

7X16 COOLER/FREEZER, great for seafood or anything requiring cooling To be moved. \$900/obo. 466-3490 after 6:00pm.

CAPTAIN TIMMY'S OYSTERS. All singles, big sack \$15.00, 228-467-1727.

RED CAFFEINE DJ RECORD BAG, holds up to 70 records, \$50. After 5:00pm 228-342-2973.

SOLID MAPLE DINING TABLE w/6 chairs \$150; 2 end tables w/pull out trays \$75; carved Mahogany coffee table w/glass top \$35; antique velvet sofa, perfect condition \$200; large flat top antique trunk \$50; upright freezer \$100; computer desk \$50. Call 216-3288.

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CASH FOR UNWANTED ITEMS before garage sale, moving, estate disposal or cleaning out. Buying brick, household, tools, antiques, sheds/garage items. Wood furniture etc. Call 467-4857 if we can help you out. Also cleaning out sheds/garages for cash/contents. All messages returned promptly.

128 Boats & Motors

LARSON 23.3 ESCAPE, red & white dual trailer, extended warranty on motor, hardly used. Call Kim 586-0433 after 5:00p.m.

136 Automobiles

1968 ELECT. CONVERT. IMPALA. Factory air all original 283eng., 2/speed, power glide trans., neither have been opened. Needs minor body & interior work. \$2,800 firm. 466-3746.

1977 GMC 4 DOOR CAR HAULER, 350 turbo 400. 323-5242 cell 463-9443 home.

99 NISSAN ALTIMA SE, AUTOMAT-IC, 4-cyl., sunroof, am/fm radio, cd player, 85,000 miles, runs and looks great! \$6,500. 467-3023.

GUARANTEED FINANCING, every-one approved, 00 Mustang, \$219 a month, 35 more Sport and imports in stock. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune. 1-800-798-9133.

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES The following vehicles will be sold 30 days after the first publication:

1989 MAZDA 323

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1990 TOYOTA CAROLA

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138. Trucks, Vans

1983 FORD F150 PICK-UP truck. Call after 5:00p.m. 467-4542.

1989 FORD RANGER CUSTOM, new 5 speed transmission, clutch, pressure plate, brake pads callers. Needs engine work, \$1850. obo. 463-0186.

50 TRADE-INS UNDER \$3995, like: 97 Nissan Pick-Up, low miles, clean. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picaune. 1-800-798-9133.

'92 CHEVY S-10 PICKUP, new tires, looks and runs good, \$2500/obo. 466-3949 or 216-2853.

FORD F150, '95, LWB, STANDARD, A/C, all pwr, 6 cyl, new tires, 82k miles, spray bed liner, \$6,000. 228-467-6454 after 6PM.

GUARANTEED FINANCING, every-one approved, 99 Chevy, V-8, X-cab, good miles, \$239.00/month. 70 more trucks in stock, Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picaune, 1-800-798-9133.

GUARANTEED FINANCING, every-one approved, 01 Ford Explorer, 20K miles, \$249 a month, 40 more SUV's in stock. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picaune, 1-800-798-9133.

INCOME TAX CHECKS CASHED for free with down payment or purchase, rest of cash back to you instantly! 93 Chevy 1500 stepside a/c, auto, 12000 dw, we finance. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picaune 1-800-798-9133.

143 Real Estate Services

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146 Rooms For Rent

GUEST ROOM AT CARROL house in Spanish Acres. TV, continental breakfast, plus extras. \$300/month. 467-6876.

NICE 1 BEDROOM ALL UTILITIES paid with shared washer/dryer, new kitchen and Florida room, available for one person to rent at \$250/month. Please leave message at 228-263-7733.

147 Apartments For Rent

2 & 3 BEDROOM DUPLEXES, 1 & 1/2 baths, utility room, w/d hook-ups. 328 Old Spanish Trail. 467-3601.

2BR/1BA, C/H & A/C W/D HOOK-UPS, fenced patio. \$450 + dep. 586-0053.

FOR RENT: 1 BEDROOM Furnished apartment. Call A.J. 467-8401.

Bring in the New Year at Oak Park Apartments

\$100 Deposit, \$350 Rent

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467-6882

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Saturday & Sunday from 11:00 to 2:00. 9610 Kini.

This home features 4 Bed/2 Bath and a motivated family that needs to sell. \$151,900. ML#139049

Saturday & Sunday from 11:00 to 4:00. #7

Whispering Branch, Features 3 Bed/2 Baths in The Oaks. Approx. 1,500 sq. ft. One owner. \$89,900. ML#147281

Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 to 4:00. 749 Kaleki

Way, 3 Bed/2 Bath, Cute brick home with approx. 1,250 sq. ft. Won't Last Long! \$103,000. ML#143763

Sunday from 11:00 to 2:00. 96467 Diamondhead

Drive West, Unique 2 Bed/2 Bath home close to Twin Lakes. Upstairs loft and bedroom with downstairs master suite plus den office. \$105,000. ML#146118

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Margie Mayfield, Realtor, GRI

640 Highway 90, Waveland, MS, 39576

(228) 263-6421

147 Apartments For Rent

FURNISHED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT, all utilities furnished w/cable tv. Quiet neighborhood, can walk to shopping center. \$100/dep. \$135/week. 463-0074.

LARGE ONE BEDROOM, FRONT unit one block to beach. Has stove & refrigerator, carpet. Located 208 Carroll Ave., Apt. C, BSL. \$350.00 monthly rent with \$200.00 deposit. No lease. Utilities not included. 228-467-5662 or 228-467-4613.

NEW CONST-2/BR, WASHER/dryer, dishwasher, ref., range included. Quiet neighborhood in county. \$600/mo., \$600/dep. 467-5601.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

1996 2BR/1BA PARTIALLY FURN., country living on private lot, North of I-10 off Vidalia Rd., \$350/month plus deposit. 214-9953.

CLEAN 2 BEDROOM MOBILE HOME. All utilities furnished, smoke/pet free, \$550.00. 467-5899.

ON DEEP WATER CANAL, TIE your boat behind your home. 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, \$400/month plus \$400/dep. Pet-free. 1-504-454-8138.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

DOUBLE WIDE TRAILER, 5 BR., 3 full baths, 6 lots, \$80,000 (negotiable). Will rent, pet free. 467-8028.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

1/2 MILE FROM BEACH OFF Lake-shore Rd. Small 2BR/1BA, living room, large den, fenced back yard, central a/h. Annual lease, \$500/mo. plus deposit, pet free. 601-798-5720.

2 BEDROOM COTTAGE, Waveland, pet free. 255-9397.

214 THIRD ST. B.S.L. 2BR/1BA, office, living, dining, kitchen, ref/stove, w/d hook-ups, cent h/a, smoke/pet free. \$625/mo., \$625/dep. 467-4468.

2BR/1-1/2BA, CENTRAL H/A, \$650/mo., \$300/dep. 400 Garden Road. Call Mark 466-6347.

2BR/1BA, LARGE FENCED IN yard, w/d hook up, central a/h. \$500/mo., \$500/dep. 466-5082.

2BR/2BA, LARGE FENCED YARD, close to water. Great neighborhood, must see. \$700/mo., deposit required. 469-0016.

308 FINK ST., WAVELAND. 3/BR, large-yard, combination living & dining/room, hardwood-floors, bath, central-a/h. Laundry/room separate, nice/porch, pet/free. \$650/mo. \$650/dep. 504-271-8537.

3BR/1-1/2BA, CENT. AIR/HEAT eat-in kitchen, separate dining, 1,800 sq. ft. on 2 acres near Gulfview School. Smoke/pet free environment, \$650/mo., \$400/dep. 228-467-7795 or 225-342-2873.

3BR/2BA, \$640/MO., INCLUDES sewage & garbage. Covington St., Bayside Park. 467-6176.

3BR/2BA, LIKE NEW, \$775/MO. 2br/1ba, on water, \$600/mc New 3br/2ba, \$850/mo. McIntyre-Rapp Real Estate 467-3777.

3BR/2BA. CUSTOM BUILD HOUSE on Bayou. 1st & last month rent plus deposit. \$750/month. 467-7142.

634 EDNA, 3/BR 2/BA, \$850. Call Chari @ McIntyre Rapp Real Estate 467-3777.

CUTE COTTAGE NEAR BEACH, shops and restaurants; 3br/2ba, lots of living space indoors and out, large living room, office, kitchen, indoor porch, fenced yard, covered patio, w/d hook-ups, \$695 p.m. 504-250-5199.

DIAMONDHEAD CUL-DE-SAC, 4br/2ba, Cherry wood tile, carpet, new air heat, on 2 lots, \$1150/month plus deposit. 800-349-7732. Local 586-0893.

DIAMONDHEAD: PRIVATE 2BR/2Ba home w/p on a seldom traveled St. \$525 pet free. 2/BR cottage BSL \$385. pet free. Key Properties 467-0600.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

GARDEN ISLAND 3BR/2BA, 1 year old, custom built, \$750. plus deposit, year lease. 1-985-649-0826 or 1-985-649-9187.

LARGE COUNTRY HOME WITH plenty of trees, quiet neighborhood. 3BR/1BA, new appliances, pet/smoke free, \$675/mo, \$600/dep. 466-4488.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA FROM \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

SINGLE CAMP: Smoking on porch, residence on water, pet free, w/d, a/h, \$450/mo. plus security deposit. 228-216-0536 David.

THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH, stove/refrigerator, washer/dryer, excellent neighborhood, spacious yard. References required, pet free, \$850/month, \$500/dep. 463-0043

WALK TO BEACH, PIER, RESTAURANTS, coffee shop, bike path. Charming, renovated 2br/2ba 100 yr. old cottage. Washer/dryer, ref, stove included. Front porch, 9 ft high ceilings, fenced/backyard, storage shed, central a/h. 312 St. Joseph St., Waveland. \$675/mo, \$500/dep. 6 mo. lease references required. 985-871-9368.

WAVELAND 3BR/1BA, CLOSE TO beach. Kitchen, dining, livingroom carpet, central a/h, pet/free, w/d hook-ups, stove & ref. \$550/mo, \$250/dep. 467-1107.

151 Furn. Houses Rent

2BR/1BA, \$500/MO., PLUS DEPOSIT. 467-6564.

156 Lots/Acreage

1.82 ACRE WOODED KILN. Dellsie/Honeymoon Hill Rd. 463-0831.

1/2 ACRE LOT IN HENLEY PL. in B.S.L. asking \$15,500. obo. 985-710-2031.

100% OWNER FINANCING. Will also finance water connection and septic system fees. White Cypress Lakes. Beautiful lots from 1 acre to 30 acres, mobile homes allowed in certain areas and great fishing. Ten miles east of I-59, Carriere exit, thirty miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255-1790.

FOR SALE: TWO HIGH DRY LOTS, quite location, good street, Bayside Park, owner will finance, \$650.00 each. \$100.00 down. 228-467-5734.

LOT FOR SALE: 150X150 cleared, in Waveland, Margie St. area. Reduced! 466-2641 or 216-5968.

158. Commercial Property

110' ROADFRONT ON HWY 90 in Waveland across from Walmart & adjoining Keesler Credit Union building site. \$186,000. Call Sessie @ 216-2628. Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty.

900 SQ FEET IN COAST PLAZA corner Hwy 90 and McLaurin Street. \$900 per month. Larger space available. 228-466-3333.

BUSINESS & OFFICE SPACE FOR rent in Holly Park, Kiln, Ms. 255-1604 beeper. 883-2312. Jeff Larsen.

HWY. 90 NEAR HANCOCK MEDICAL Center 1200 sq. ft. office space for lease recently remodeled \$850/mo. 467-8392.

OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE available: Choctaw Village, Waveland MS. Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 228-883-8554.

159 Houses For Sale

3BR/1BA, IN DIAMONDHEAD, \$59,900. 255-0403 or 689-4444.

3BR/2BATH, BERBER CARPET w/ceramic tile, Florida room w/Jacuzzi, large back yard w/privacy fence and work shed. \$119,900 negotiable. 466-5890.

CAJUN COTTAGE IN PASS CHRISTIAN ISLES, 419 Livingston. Reduced to \$65,000. (228) 467-5444.

COMPLETELY UPDATED: New Oak cabinets, ceramic tile many extras. 3BR/2Ba in Wildwood off Dedeaux Rd. Call 228-832-2495.

NEWLY RENOVATED, BLOCK from B.H.S., 1625 sq. ft. 3BR/1.5Ba with 12x24 bonus room, fenced back yard, private/quiet drive, 120k. 228-452-1055.

OWNER FINANCE 1940'S COTTAGE, 4 blocks to beach. 5249 Forrest St., Clermont/Bay St. Louis. 2/BR, 1.5/BA, 800 sq. ft. Fenced lot 50x53, totally remodeled. \$76,500, no credit check, \$6,000/down approx. \$640/mo, P.I. 467-6412.

PRIVATE 4 1/2 ACRES IN KILN: with a 3br/2ba, mobile home needing tile. \$33,900-and-large 2bd fixer upper on 200x100 grounds just outside the city limits separate 14x14 workshop. \$24,200. Key Properties. 467-0600.

WATERFRONT HOMES Diamondhead: Call (228)342-6220 or 255-3550 Century 21 Diamondhead/Jen B. for a list or info.

WAVELAND, 3BR/2BA WITH huge garage/workshop and carport for boat or R.V. Call after 6:00p.m. 467-3353.

Public Notices

CAUSE NO. 2301-02-990-3 IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM EUGENE BRELAND DECEASED

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

YOU, the unknown or known heirs at law and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of the Estate of William Eugene Breland, deceased.

You are hereby summoned to appear to show cause why Kerri B. Frigo, Mark Eugene Breland, Craig Michael Breland, William Clark Breland, Keith Nolan Breland and the Estate of Nolen Breland should not be adjudicated as the sole and only heirs at law of the decedent, William Eugene Breland, as fully set out in the petition on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in the 25th day of February, 2004, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse Annex at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 13th day of January, 2004.

(SEAL)

TIM KELLAR

Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi BY: Charlene Seal, D.C.

GEX AND ARTIGUES

Ronald J. Artigues, Jr. MS Bar No. 8913

Lisa M. Gex, Jr. MS Bar No. 4809

700 Highway 90, Suite A P. O. Box 47

Waveland, MS 39576

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Facsimile (228) 467-3258

01/15; 01/22; 01/29/04

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS INVITES SEALED BIDS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF:

1. ROAD MATERIALS T5001

2. ASPHALT T5002

3. CONCRETE T5003

4. CHLORINE T5004

5. WATER PARTS T5005

6. GAS PARTS T5006

7. CULVERTS T5007

8. LEASED EQUIPMENT T5008

INTERESTED BIDDERS MAY PICK UP SPECIFICATIONS AT CITY HALL FROM THE MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE, 111 COURT ST., BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39521; IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE SPECIFICATIONS BY MAIL WRITE:

CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, P.O. BOX 2550

BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39521

ATTENTION: MARY BURCH

YOU MAY CALL 228-467-9092

WE WILL STOP RECEIVING BIDS AT 4:00 P.M. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2004.

ROBERT J. PARKER

MUNICIPAL CITY CLERK

01/08; 01/15; 01/22; 01/29/04

Public Notices

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, on the 29th day of January, 2003, Loren Coghlan, a single man, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto CTO Real Estate Services, Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 741 at Page 236; and

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of December, 2003, the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Emily Kaye Courteau, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 808 at Page 850; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 12th day of February, 2004, I will during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described Land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

One (1) Section West of the official map or plat of said city thereof on file and of record in the office of the chancery clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

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Supermarkets

Choice Supermarket

200 W. Railroad St. Long Beach, MS 39560
Store Hours: Sunday Thru-Thurs. 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Diamondhead Supermarket

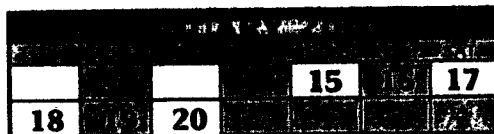
4402 Aloha Drive Diamondhead, MS 39525
Store Hours: Sunday Thru Thurs. 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Waveland Market Center

715 Highway 90 Waveland, MS 39576
Store Hours: Sunday Thru Thurs. 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Choice Supermarket

25 Hardy Court Gulfport, MS 39507
Store Hours: Sunday Thru Thurs. 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.



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Anniversary Sale!

Fresh Cut Daily!
Value Pack Boneless Beef
Chuck Roast
\$1.99
Lb.

Fresh Cut Daily!
Value Pack Boneless
Center Cut Pork Chops
\$2.99
Lb.

Large Fresh
Iceberg Lettuce
69¢
Head

DELI SPECIALS!

Boar's Head Deli Sliced
Honey Maple Ham.....Lb. **\$5.99**
Boar's Head Deli Sliced
Baby Swiss Cheese.....Lb. **\$5.69**
Great Buy!
Deli Fresh Cole Slaw.....Lb. **\$1.99**
Mrs. Freshly
Cinnamon Rolls or Pecan Spins..6-Ct. Pkg. **99¢**
See Us for Your
Bakery Fresh King Cakes

Fresh Meats-Cut Fresh And Wrapped In Our Market!

Value Pack
USDA Fresh Boneless Fryer Breast
\$1.99
Lb.
Super Trim Whole
Boneless Beef New York Strips
\$3.88
Lb.

Bryan Boneless
Pork Tenderloin.....Lb. **\$2.99**
Value Pack Old Fashioned
Hickory Smoked Sliced Slab Bacon.....Lb. **\$1.89**
Select Varieties
Hillshire Smoked Sausage.....1-Lb. Pkg. **\$1.99**
Oscar Mayer 1-Lb.
Sliced Bologna.....4 For **\$5.00**
Hot or Mild
George Jones Pork Sausage.....1-Lb. Roll **\$1.99**
Value Pack Fresh Frozen
Boneless Catfish Nuggets.....Lb. **99¢**
Family Favorite
Lykes Sliced Bacon.....12-Oz. Pkg. **\$1.89**
Fresh Cut Daily! Value Pack
Boneless Beef Chuck Steaks.....Lb. **\$2.99**
Value Pack Fresh Cut Daily
Boneless Beef New York Strip Steaks.....Lb. **\$4.99**

Fresh Picked From The Garden!

Garden Fresh 8-Lb. Bag
Russet Potatoes.... Buy One, Get One **Free**
Garden Fresh
Yellow Onions.....3-Lb. Bag **99¢**
Garden Fresh
Roma Tomatoes.....Lb. **99¢**
Garden Fresh Large Green
Bell Peppers.....3 For **\$1.00**
Western Sweet
Navel Oranges.....12 For **\$2.00**
2-Oz. Pkg.
Garden Fresh Garlic.....2 For **\$1.00**

BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE SPECIALS!

Free	Free	Free	Free
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Assorted 8-11 Oz.
Stouffer's Frozen Lean Cuisine
3\$5
For

Assorted 7-11 Oz.
Weight Watchers Smart Ones
3\$5
For

Assorted Varieties 8-Oz.
Breyers Yogurt
12\$5
For

Assorted Flavors 1/2-Gal.
Blue Bell Ice Cream
3\$10
For

In Oil or Water 6-Oz.
Starkist Chunk Light Tuna
2\$1
For

Beef Flavor
Alpo Dog Food.....20-Lb. Bag **\$5.99**
Shurfine 15-Oz.
Tomato Sauce.....3 For **\$1.00**
Sprite, Barq's, Dr. Pepper or
Coca Cola Products..12-Pk. 12-Oz. Cans **\$2.99**
Shurfine
Pure Vegetable Oil.....Gallon **\$3.99**
Assorted Varieties 10-13 Oz.
Frito Lay Doritos.....2 For **\$5.00**
Assorted Varieties
Vaseline Intensive Care Lotion.....11-Oz. Btl. **\$2.66**

16-Oz. Kidney, Chili, Pinto or Northern
Bush's Beans
12\$5
For

Assorted 12-14 Oz.
Kellogg's Special K
2\$5
For

Regular Rolls
Viva Paper Towels
6\$5
For

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